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To the Cain Reunion of 1950,

Greetings:

This booklet is being put into the hands of our members at this time with two thoughts in mind: The younger generation needs a written record of our family history and the older generation with whom this history exists in the form of traditions is rapidly passing away.

The incompleteness of what is here presented makes it far from satisfactory but the story is brought down within the knowledge of those here now. Some fourteen years ago a plan was made to collect our traditions and commit them to writing. Quite a bit of helpful work was done but much presented in this booklet was not known to those doing the collecting and any plan to find it out was not feasible at the time.

The first authentic outline of our ancestry came to the writer from John C.Cain of Jackson,Mississippi,who has since passed on after reaching the age of ninety. He loved his kin and carefully preserved the stories concerning them. The general outline given by him is the framework of this whole story, and without it much recorded on these pages would be meaningless.

Two trips to York,S.C., and as many to the University of Alabama library have been necessary to collect and edit the following pages. From official papers in York have been copied the wills and estate settlements; from the Allison Family,1714-1941,by Gen.J.B.Allison, has been secured much direct and collateral information; from Miss Sallie Allison,who lived at the old Allison home near Smyrna,S.C.,the writer secured much information by correspondence,but we have been bereaved by her passing last year. More recently the writer has been given many connecting links of family history by one of our own number, Sarah Cain Morris. Her memories of what our grandmother Naomi told her have given much added meaning to hitherto unrelated facts.

Whether or not we can ever establish our kinship to other Cain families is problematical. If we could from any source get the names of the two brothers of Hugh Cain who came to North Mississippi and to Louisiana, one gap would be bridged. The fact that we do not know the name of Hugh's father limits our possibilities of tying in with the many other Cain lines. Rosters of Revolutionary soldiers list some twenty-five Cains in that war from Virginia, six from New Jersey, and even one from North Carolina named Hugh.

It is planned to complete the lists of Cain descendants down to the present time and issue a supplement carrying these names. Two of the granddaughters of Robert Allison Cain,Nettie Berryhill and Louise McGee, have made such a list of their grandfather's descendants and a similar list is being prepared for the other lines. It is hoped that these supplements can be ready for the 1951 reunion.

State College,
July 1950.

Cyril E.Cain

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HUGH ALLISON SR.

(Date of marriage not obtainable)

Born 1714. Came over from Scotland. Landed in America Sept. 13, 1736 at the age of 22 years. Settled first in Harford County, Maryland. Married Margaret Hope and moved to South Carolina in 1769 where he settled on the upper waters of Bullocks Creek, south of the Kings Mountain Road in western York County and engaged in farming until his death on March 7, 1799. He no doubt was buried in Beersheba Church Cemetery, York County, South Carolina, but the intervening 142 years since his death have removed all traces of his grave. The church was organized in 1769 and his death occurred in 1799, 30 years later. A number of his children are buried there. This cemetery is very much neglected, the caretakers have thrown broken stones in a pile over the rock wall. The stone marking his grave has no doubt gone this way. His home plantation was the present old Nichols place which he willed to his son Robert Allison, Esq. (See copy of his will.)

MARGARET HOPE

The daughter of James and Annie Hope. The father of James, Thomas Hope of Hopetown, Scotland, died October 1, 1646. The date of Margaret's birth and death were not obtainable. She no doubt was buried at Beersheba.

CHILDREN:

1. Alexander Allison — Born 1740.

2. Catharine Allison — Born September 1750. Married Robert Hope; the mother of Abner Hope.

3. Robert Allison, Esq. — Born 1754, died Jan. 29, 1827. Married Sarah S. Turner. (These were the parents of Martha Allison Cain)*

4. Margaret Allison — Married Daugherty and in 1826 was living in Green County, Tennessee.

5. Rosana Allison

6. Martha Allison

7. Hugh Allison II — Married Polly Love

This page taken from "The Allison Family, 1714-1941" by Gen. J. B. Allison.

*Parentheses so marked are interpolations not found in the book.

ROBERT ALLISON ESQ. m July 15, 1779	Born 1754 son and oldest[1] child of Hugh Allison and Margaret Hope. In his will his father left him his home plantation where he conducted a farm until his death January 29, 1827 in the 73rd year of his life. He was buried at Beersheba Church Cemetery, York County, South Carolina where his grave is appropriately marked at this late date. He was interested in Masonry. Joined Philanthropic Masonic Lodge No. 32 at York, South Carolina on August 30, 1806, in the 5805th year of Masonry. He made his will on June 16, 1827 and remembered each of his children mentioned below except Sarah who it is thought must have died before that date. (See his will)
SARAH S. TURNER	Born 1756 and died March 4, 1841 at the age of 86. She is buried at Beersheba Church Cemetery, York County, S. C. where her grave will be found.

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CHILDREN:

1. Martha Allison	Born February 23, 1782, died January 29, 1860. Married Hugh Cain.
2. Hugh Allison III	Born November 13, 1783, died July 22, 1849. Married Violet Barry.
3. Thomas Allison	Born March 7, 1786, died May 15, 1820.
4. Margaret Allison	Born January 27, 1788, died October 17, 1866. Married James Henry.
5. Sarah Catherine Allison	Born April 28, 1792, died September 21, 1867. Married Malcolm Henry.
6. Sarah Allison	Born June 7, 1794. Date of death not known. She no doubt died in advance of her father.
7. Dr. Robert Turner Allison	Born August 17, 1798, died October 21, 1882. Married Martha Burnett Clinton. (Member of South Carolina Secession Convention; member of South Carolina Legislature more than once)*

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1. By reference to the children of Hugh Allison it can be seen that Robert was not the oldest son. C.E.C.

MATTHEW GIBSON

married

In the will of Matthew Gibson, made in 1805, he states, "I appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth and my Brother Hugh Cain as executors - - -". This statement seems to confirm the family tradition that he was a half brother of Hugh Cain, but this is all that is known of his ancestry. His death evidently occurred soon after he made his will since his estate was in process of being administered at the end of the year 1806.

ELIZABETH CAMPBELL

That the maiden name of the "beloved wife Elizabeth" was Campbell is known through her grandson John C. Cain, who knew her many, many years later. Papers she signed in administering her husband's estate show that whe married George A. Campbell soon after her first husband's death. This Campbell seems not to have been a relative.

Children:

Thomas Gibson

From census reports it seems that he was born about 1791 or '92. His first wife was Pamela Carson. (See special table giving children). His second wife was Katherine D. Cain, daughter of Hugh Cain, by whom he had no children.

William C. Gibson

Born about 1793 (census). Married Jane - - - and his first children were born in Tennessee from 1835 to 1843; his next three were born in Alabama from 1845 to 1850. Was living in Cherokee County, Ala., in 1850 but some of his children came to Mississippi and lived in Smith County. (See census reports for names of children.)

Matthew Ramsay Gibson

Still under age in 1814, living in White County, Tenn., where one John Campbell signs papers as the regularly appointed guardian for him and his brother John. In 1824 a power of attorney was given by George A. Campbell and his wife Elizabeth Campbell to "Our friend Matthew R. Gibson", but whether this was their stepson and son is not known.

Catharine Gibson

Nothing is known of her beyond her name in her father's will; she did not sign papers as did the other children in the settling of her father's estate, which seems to indicate that she probably died in childhood.

John Gibson

Born about 1803 (census) and married Matilda -----. Was living in Cherokee County, Alabama, in 1850 but all children were given in the census report as born in South Carolina. (See report)

See next page for children of Elizabeth Campbell Gibson's second marriage.

GEORGE A. CAMPBELL m (About) 1806	Dates of birth and death not known. Married the widow of Matthew Gibson; moved from York District, S. C., to Tennessee, living in White County in 1814, and in Wilson County in 1824. He was in Jackson's army at the Battle of New Orleans and in much later life related to his grandson, John C. Cain, incidents at New Orleans and on the line of march. It is hoped that further facts concerning him can be found and added to this brief sketch.
MRS. ELIZABETH CAMPBELL GIBSON	The main facts concerning her have been given in connection with her first husband, Matthew Gibson. From the other papers attached she spent much of her life after her first husband's death in moving from place to place: In 1805, York, S. C.; in 1814 in White County, Tenn.; 1824, Wilson Co., Tennessee; 1840, Dallas Co., Alabama (probably); 1850, Cherokee Co., Alabama; 1860, Jasper Co., Mississippi; and she is probably buried in Hinds Co., Mississippi.

Children:

Nancy Campbell	Born 1816 in Tennessee, died in 1904. Married Allison Cain and their first seven children were born in Alabama. Came to Mississippi about 1855.
Eli Campbell	Nothing known further than his name as given by his nephew, John C. Cain.

As Told by George A. Campbell to His Grandson, John C. Cain.

After the Battle of New Orleans the exchange of the dead between the two armies was delayed till the stench from the dead and the bloody battlefield was almost unbearable to those who had to move the dead, and to deliver them to the dividing line between the Americans and British. The only compensating factor in this nauseating work was the satisfaction the Americans derived from seeing how extremely angry the British were at having lost a battle which they had been led to believe was a before-breakfast job. Each time a delivery was made the British would clench their teeth and say, "We'll get you next time!" Each time this was said, promptly would come back the answer from Jackson's Tennesseans, "Us an' Ol' Hickory will be thar agin next time!"

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At one time on a forced march by Jackson's army after night, the wagon to which Campbell was attached became badly mired and its position was blocking the line of march. An officer rode up to find what the trouble was and promptly dismounted and began to help. The men in charge of the wagon suspected that the officer was Jackson but it was too dark to be sure. They did not have to be uncertain long. Another officer rode up and began to give directions from his saddle. The first officer called to him to get down and help. The answer came back, "I am Lieutenant So-and-So". The roar that greeted this as Jackson jumped to the side of the horse and yelled, "Damn your hide, I am General Jackson and unless your shoulder is under a wheel in three seconds I'll run you through!" In the language of the narrator, "He lit a gitting under."

HUGH CAIN m Jan. 2, 1799	Born March 31, 1770, probably in Maryland, died June 25, 1839. Came to South Carolina from Maryland with his mother and two older brothers. Strangely enough all the other names are lost except his. Tradition says that his two brothers came west, one to North Mississippi and the other to Louisiana. Lived six miles west of York at the noted Cain Sulphur Springs; buried in Beersheba cemetery where his grave is appropriately marked.
MARTHA ALLISON	Born February 23, 1782, died January 29, 1860, daughter of Robert Allison, Esq., and Sarah S. Turner. Buried in Beersheba cemetery, grave marked.

Children:

John A. Cain	Born October 29, 1800, died in Alabama. Was one of the administrators of his father's estate in 1839 but does not appear on the papers of his mother in 1860. Married Jane Drucilla Allison, his first cousin, in 1837. See census reports for all else that is known of him.
Sarah Turner Cain.	Born June 21, 1805, died July 1, 1886, in York County, S. C. Married James Caldwell, see special table for Children.
Robert Allison Cain.	Born April 28, 1807, died in 1874, buried at New Hope church, between Brookhaven and Caseyville. Married Nancy L. Campbell, half-sister of Thomas Gibson. See census reports.
Katherine D. Cain.	Born August 31, 1809, died November 9, 1885, buried at Beersheba, where her grave is marked. Married first Thomas Gibson and became the step-mother of Naomi L. Cain and the other Gibson children: after the death of Thomas Gibson she married Wm. C. Brown and they had one son John, who lived to marry but has left no children.
M. G. Cain	Born June 26, 1812. This notation all that is known.
Hugh G. Cain	Born March 6, 1815, buried at Selma, Alabama, where his grave was marked.
William Franklin Cain.	Born June 23, 1818, died March 20, 1862, in the Confederate Army near Liberty, Virginia. See census reports and special table.
James M. M. Cain	Born October 9, 1821, died September 5, 1898, buried at Beersheba. Lived and died on the old Cain home. Married Elizabeth Gibson, daughter of Thomas Gibson and sister of Naomi L. Cain. Had eight children but only two lived to be grown. Mary Frances died with typhoid fever in young womanhood and Jimmie never married.

THOMAS GIBSON

married

Born about 1791 or 1792, the oldest child of Matthew Gibson and Elizabeth Campbell. Died in Dallas County, Ala., and according to his daughter Naomi Louisa is buried in the Selma cemetery in an unmarked grave between his son Hugh and Hugh G. Cain, whose graves are marked. Died around 1840.

PAMELA CARSON

About all that is known of her is her name, and the names of her children. Supposedly buried in the Selma cemetery.

Children:

Robert C. Gibson

Born about 1815. From the census report and from tradition we know that he was a physician. The only other information concerning his marriage and family is contained in the census report which see.

Hugh Gibson.

The only information concerning this son is that given by his sister, Naomi L. Cain, that his grave is marked in the Selma, Ala., cemetery.

Nancy E. Gibson

Born about 1822, date of death not known. Married James Campbell and came to Jasper County, Mississippi, in early 1840's. The census reports for 1860 on this family are made up of initials for names. One daughter, Amy, married Chris Alexander; Baal married Wad Horne; Mary married King Sharbrough; Melia married a Mr. White; George married Tiny McNair; Joe Gray married Bashi Goodrum; and Albert's wife is not known.

Elizabeth M. Gibson

Born June 22, 1824, died June 9, 1881. Married James M. M. Cain and lived on the old Cain home at York. Eight children were born to them but only two reached maturity: Mary Frances, born 1848, died in her early twenties, and Jimmie, never mentally responsible, out lived his father.

Naomi Louisa Gibson

Born June 17, 1826, died December 12, 1908. Married William Franklin Cain in 1843 in Dallas County, Ala., and moved to Cherokee County, Ala., where her first children were born: Martha P., Sarah Ann, Wister, and Emeline. Then they moved to Jasper County, Miss. where the next children were born: James Robert, William Yancy, and Mary F. After the death of her husband in the Civil War she moved to the Mississippi Coast, and later took a homestead in what is now George County. Near this homestead she is buried and her grave is marked.

Thomas Gibson

Married his first cousin, Elizabeth Gibson, and it is thought that Elizabeth Gibson who married Travis Blackwell was their daughter; also that Wm + James Gibson who lived near Midway, Miss., were their sons. After Thomas' death Elizabeth married Rev. James Johnson, on whose life a booklet has been written.

SARAH TURNER CAIN married 1832	Born January 21, 1805, in York County, S. C., near Cain's noted Sulphur Springs, daughter of Hugh Cain and Martha Allison. Died July 1, 1886 at the home of her daughter, Margaret Ann McElwee, Clark's Fork, S. C. Buried in Beersheba cemetery where her grave is marked.
JAMES CALDWELL	Born February 8, 1787 in County Antrim, Ireland. Died November 25, 1871 at his home, King's Creek, York County, S. C. His grave in Beersheba cemetery is appropriately marked.

CHILDREN:

Martha Caldwell	Married Rufus Meek and had six children: James, Samuel Breadner, Sarah, Susan, Nancy, and Rufus, Jr.
Dr. Robert Allison Caldwell	Married Jane Catherine Adams and had three children: James Meek, Isabella Adams, and Betty Gibson.
Margaret Ann Caldwell	Married Meek McElwee and had one daughter: Sarah
William Caldwell	Married (1st) Martha Elizabeth Campbell and had eight children: Hugh, James, Thomas, Anna, Mary, Edward, Sarah, and Martha Elizabeth. Married (2nd) Susan Caldwell, a cousin, and had five children: Frank, Harry, Margaret, Lena, and Herbert.
Nancy Caldwell	Married Jason Thompson and had one daughter, Mary.

Note: The Rufus Meek family moved to Arkansas but many of the other descendants of Sarah Turner Cain live around York, S. C. and Gastonia, N. C. It is hoped that some time before long there can be a reunion of these relatives, probably at the annual event which is held at Beersheba Church, which was founded in 1769.

ROBERT ALLISON CAIN Married	Born April 28, 1807 in York County, S. C., the son of Hugh Cain and Martha Allison. Lived in Cherokee County, Alabama, then in Jasper County, Mississippi, and is buried at New Hope church near the line of Lincoln and Copiah counties in Miss. Died in 1874.
NANCY CAMPBELL	Born in Tennessee, the daughter of Geo. A. Campbell and Elizabeth Gibson, the former wife of Matthew Gibson, deceased, and was thereby a half-aunt of Naomi Gibson.

Children:

Martha Ann Cain	Born ca 1837 in Alabama, married Martin Anding and had one child, Emma.
Margaret Naomi Alabama Cain	Born ca 1843 in Alabama, married George S. McGee, Children: Eugene Allison, and Lucine and Louise, twins. Lived in Hinds County, Mississippi.
Kate Cain	Lived in Hinds County, Mississippi. Never married.
James C. Cain	Born ca 1849, married Alice May McNair and lived in Hinds County, Mississippi. Children: Bertha, Susie, Thomas, and Robert.
John C. Cain	Born 1857 and died 1947. Married Rebecca Van Namen, Children: Nannie Allison, Nettie Ethel, Mary Kate, Hugh Van Namen, George Judson, Hattie Alabama, and Nattie.

Note: In the census reports several other children are named (q.v.) but none of these were given by John C. Cain as having married and had families.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN CAIN married 1843	Born in York County, S. C., on June 23, 1818, the son of Hugh Cain and Martha Allison. Died in the Confederate Army near Liberty, Va., on May 20, 1862. Came to Alabama with his sister Katherine when she married Thomas Gibson. After his marriage he moved to Cherokee County, Ala., and then to Jasper County, Mississippi, from which place he enlisted in the Confederate Army.
NAOMI LOUISA GIBSON	Born June 17, 1862 in Dallas County, Ala., the daughter of Thomas Gibson and Pamela Carson. After her husband's death she moved to Biloxi River and later took a homestead in what is now George County, Miss. In sight of this homestead she is buried. Died Dec. 12, 1908

Children:

Martha Pamela Cain	Born Jan. 15, 1847 in Cherokee County, Ala. Died on June 29, 1861 and buried at Montrose, Mississippi.
Sarah Ann Cain	Born Aug. 5, 1849 in Cherokee County, died April 29, 1915, buried in Vancleave cemetery. Never married.
Thomas Wister Cain	Born March 25, 1851 in Cherokee County. Married Miranda Whittington, Children: Stanley, Edward Naomi, Flavius A., Everett, Joseph H., and Thomas. Died 1910.
Emmeline F. Cain	Born Dec. 24, 1852 in Cherokee County. Married George Dickey, children: Elijah, Wistar, George, Mary, Otto, and John. Died 1929.
James Robert Cain	Born August 21, 1857 in Jasper County, Mississippi. Died in 1931. Married Julia Ann Fairley. Children: Minnie, Sarah Belle, Cella, Stella, Franklin, Robert, Janie, Emma, Lucille, and Louisa.
William Yancy Cain	Born Nov. 17, 1859 and died Jan. 22, 1934. Married Sarah B. Fletcher, Children: Cyril E., William Melvin, Hunter L., and John Buford.
Mary F. Cain	Born Feb. 16, 1862 and died 1928. Married Henry C. Havens. Children: Robert M., Ester, Sallie, and Kate.

CENSUS REPORTS ON CAINS, CAMPBELLS, AND GIBSONS

Note: Before 1850 census reports carried only the name of the head of the family but beginning with that date the names of each member of the family was given, the age, and the state in which born. In the reports below added facts not in the census report are in parentheses.

Dallas County, Alabama, 1840.

Thomas Gibson, age between 40-50 (probably about 48)

1 boy under 5 years
1 boy between 5-10 (Thomas C. born ca. 1830)
2 or 3 boys between 20-30 (Dr. Robert C. b.1815, maybe Hugh,)
1 girl, 10-15 (Grandmother Naomi Louisa, b. 1826)
1 girl, 15-20 (Nancy, who married James Campbell, or Elizabeth, who married James M. M. Cain)
1 girl, 20-30 (Not sure who.)
1 woman, 60-70 (Probably Elizabeth Campbell, the mother of Thomas above.)

Cherokee County, Alabama, 1850

Robert C. Gibson	35	Physician	b. S. C.	(Son of Thomas, above.)
Frances M.	26		Ala.	(Nothing further known.)
Laura P.	7 f.		Ala.	
Thomas R.	5 m		Ala.	
Jabez W.	3 m		Miss.	
James M.	1 m		Ala.	
Elizabeth Campbell	76 f		S. C.	(Mother of Thomas and grandmother of Robert C.)
Thomas C. Gibson	21 m		Ala.	(Son of Thomas, brother of Robert C.)
William C. Gibson	57 m		S. C.	(Brother of Thomas, Sr. and son of Elizabeth Campbell and her first husband, Matthew Gibson.)
Jane	36f		S. C.	
Elizabeth	15 f		Tenn.	
Nancy	13 f		Tenn.	
William	12 m		Tenn.	
Allison	7 m		Tenn.	
Eli	5 m		Ala.	
Naomi	3 f		Ala.	
Catherine	1 f		Ala.	
John Gibson	47 m	Farmer	S. C.	(Brother of Thomas and William C.)
Matilda	43 f		S. C.	
Margaret E.	21 f		S. C.	
Sarah G.	17 f		S. C.	
Jane	13 f		S. C.	
Mary M.	12 f		S. C.	
Elizabeth	5 f		S. C.	
Frances J.	2 f		S. C.	

CENSUS REPORTS (Continued)

Cherokee County, Alabama, 1850

John A. Cain	49 m.	S. C.
(Oldest son of Hugh Cain of York)		
Dru.	29 f.	S. C.
(Daughter of Hugh Allison and Violet Barry)		
Violet L.	13 f.	S. C.
Augustus B.	10 m.	S. C.
Martha C.	8 f.	S. C.
Hugh E.	6 m.	S. C.
Frank L.	3 m.	S. C.

Cherokee County, Alabama, 1850

Robert A. Cain	42 m.	S. C.
Nancy L.	33 f.	Tenn.
Martha A.	13 f.	Ala.
Sarah C.	12 f.	Ala.
Eli Hugh F.	10 m.	Ala.
Margaret N. A.	7 f.	Ala.
Mary A.	5 f.	Ala.
Thomas A.	3 m.	Ala.
James C.	1 m.	Ala.

Wm. F. Cain	29 m.	S. C.
Naomi L.	23 f.	Ala.
Martha P.	3 f.	Ala.
Sarah Ann	9/12	Ala.

Jasper County, Miss., 1850

James Campbell	40 m.	Tenn.
Nancy E.	29 f.	Ala.
Mary E.	7 f.	Ala.
Amy J.	4 f.	Ala.
Martha A. E.	3 f.	Miss.
James R.	6/12 m.	Miss.

(James Campbell, so far as known, not related to Elizabeth. His wife, Nancy E., sister of Naomi L. Gibson).

Cherokee County, Alabama, 1860

Jno. A. Cain	59 m.	S. C.
Jane D. Cain	41 f.	S. C.
(Full name Jane Drucilla)		
Violet L. Cain	21 f.	S. C.
Martha C. Cain	18 f.	S. C.
Hugh E. Cain	16 m.	S. C.
Jane M. Cain	6 f.	Ala.
John B. Cain	3 m.	Ala.
Julia N. Cain	3(2)f.	Ala.
Columbia F. Cain	8/12f.	Ala.

Jasper County, Miss., 1860

R. A. Cain	53 f.	S. C.
N. L. Cain	44 f.	Tenn.
(Probably married)		
S. A. (?)	23 f.	Ala.
H. F.	21 m.	Ala.
M. A.	18 f.	Ala.
(Not listed)		
T. A.	13 m.	Ala.
J. C.	11 m.	Ala.
H. J.	6 f.	Ala.
J. C.	3 m.	Miss.
Elizabeth Campbell	88	S. C.

W. F. Cain	38 m.	S. C.
Naomi	35 f.	Ala.
Martha	15 f.	Ala.
S. A.	11 f.	Ala.
Wister	9 m.	Ala.
Emeline	7 f.	Ala.
Robert	5 m.	Miss.
W. Y.	6/12	Miss.

James Campbell	50 m.	Tenn.
N. E.	38 f.	Ala.
M. E.	17 f.	Ala.
A. J.	16 f.	Miss.
M. A.	11 f.	Miss.
J. R.	9 m.	
J. G.	7 m.	
N. A.	6 f.	
P. F.	3 f.	
G. F.	11/12 m.	

Last Will and Testament

of

Hugh Allison

In the name of God, Amen. January the nineteenth, In the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Nine, I, Hugh Allison of the County of York, State of South Carolina, I am old and infirm in body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Viz. Principally and first of all I recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God who gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting by the power of God but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, and as touching such worldy estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the manner and form as follows.

First. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved son Robert Allison my dwelling plantation likewise my right of all horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and negroes by giving same as I shall mention hereafter to the rest of my family.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret ten pounds sterling and mother's blue cubbert.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rosana ten pounds sterling or the value to be put to the use of her children, likewise my bed and furniture I allow her to keep herself.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha one shilling likewise her son Robert Johnston I allow ten pounds sterling or the value after my decease.

Fifthly. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catharine one shilling.

Sixthly. I give and bequeath unto my son Alexander one shilling.

Seventhly. I give unto my son Hugh one shilling.

I do hereby assert that I have been deliberate in the study of this my will and take God to be my witness that I have closed my conscience of my partiality and that I have done for the best, likewise I constitute and ordain that my son Robert Allison shall be my sole executor to this my last will and testament and do hereby disallow revoke and disannul all and every former testament and will and legacies, bequests, and executions by me in anywise before this named will and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, and published and pronounced in the presence of us as the last will and testament of Hugh Allison. (sgd) Hugh Allison
Isaac Hope
Robert Love
Catren Hope Recorded 1799, York, S. C.

Copied from the original in Probate Judge's office, York, S. C.

Will of

ROBERT ALLISON

State of South Carolina

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In the name of God, Amen.

I Robert Allison of the District of York & State of South Carolina being considerably advanced in years but of sound mind & disposing memory, Blessed by God for the same, do make this my last will & testament in the manner following viz.

First I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it & my Body to be decently buried at the discretion of executors hereafter to be mentioned & with regard to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I bequeath Demise & dispose of it in the following manner after the payment of all my just debts which I allow to be paid out of my moveable property.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah during her natural life the plantation whereon I live and all my personal estate consisting of Negroes, stock, waggon, still, & farming utensils, household furniture, etc. After her decease I bequeath to my son Robert the aforesaid plantation.

I also bequeath to my two sons Hugh and Robert all the negroes that may then be living to be equally divided between them if they should not agree themselves it is my will that they shall choose two or more disinterested persons who shall divide them according to their value.

It is my will that my son Robert should live with his mother and see that she is furnished with the necessary comforts of life and I allow him the one-half profits arising from the farm and his mother the other half, each paying an equal part of all the expenses. Should it not be convenient for him to live with her it is my request that he provide a suitable person to superintend the Business of the farm in his absence. I reserve of the aforesaid plantation about One Hundred Acres more or less as will be hereafter mentioned.

I also give to my son Robert at his mother's decease all the household furniture, stock, waggon, still, etc. excepting one bed and furniture case of drawers & wearing apparel which I allow my wife to dispose of as she may think proper. Also excepting what may be necessary to sell for the payments of my debts & other necessary expenses.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Cain one hundred dollars which I allow my son Robert to pay her out of his part. Also a Negro girl named May which she got when she was married--the money to be paid at my wife's decease.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Henry one hundred and forty acres of land on the waters of Clarks Ford of Bullocks Creek adjoining lands of James Crawford & Hugh Finch--Also a Negro Boy named Lee which I let her have when she was married.

I also give and bequeath to my Daughter Catharine Henry a tract of land being a part of my aforesaid plantation. Beginning at a corner of Samuel Lapleys land the first of second corner from a Sassafras corner in my field & running to Malcolm Henrys spring branch and running with said branch one hundred yards thence to the mouth of Isaac Hopes Spring Branch thence up Branch to a beach corner standing on a bluff on which is cut the two first letters of my name. Thence a northeast course until it strikes Lapleys line thence with said land to the beginning--supposed to contain one hundred acres more or less. Also one Negro girl named Cynthia during my daughters life time--after her decease to descend to the legitimate heirs of her body with any issue of said girl might have.

I also give and bequeath to my two grandsons Albert & Thomas H. Allison the Sons of Thos. Allison dec'd, a tract of land lying on the waters of Bullocks Creek. Beginning at a Beech Corner on Hopes Spring Branch & running up said branch to a field thence from the northwest corner of the said field to the ridge road thence with said road to Lapleys line. Thence with said Land to the Rocky branch. Thence with Catharine Henry's line to the beginning.

It is my will that the profits of the saw mill be equally divided between my two sons Hugh & Robert each bearing an equal proportion of the expense. I also reserve for the use of the saw mill the timber that is suitable for sawing on the tracts of land named to Catharine & my grandchildren.

I also bequeath to my three grand daughters Mary A. Allison, Eliza & Carolina Allison, being daughters of Thos. Allison, Dec'd, one hundred dollars to be let to interest & be equally divided among them when they become of age--each of my sons paying an equal part of it.

I also allow my son Robert to give each of my three Grandsons which was named for me, to wit, Robert A. Cain, Robert A. Henry, & Robert Allison, each a pocket Bible.

I also name & Ordain and appoint my two sons, Hugh & Robert, Executors to this my last will & testament, hereby Revoking & Disannulling all former Wills, bequests, & Legacies made done & appointed by me in any wise before this. Ratifying this & no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day of June 1827.

Signed Sealed & published by said Robert Allison as his last will and testament.

Robert Allison (L.S.)

In presence of
Sam Nely
Saml Turner
Samuel Smith

Probated August 16, 1827
Will Book "G" P-224
Case No. 7
File No. 65

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Copied from the originals in the Probate's office, York, S. C.
Also found the Allison family history.

Last Will and Testament

of

M A T T H E W G I B S O N

In the name of God, Amen. I Matthew Gibson of the State of South Carolina York District being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory and-- Calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make and constitute this my last will & testament, in manner & form following to wit, -

First. I commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in decent Christian manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same at the general resurrection by the mighty power of God. As touching my worldly estate that God has been pleased to bless me with I will and devise as follows to wit---

Firstly after allowing all my funeral charges and just debts to be paid, I bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth a young mare named Tansey, a new saddle and her bed and furniture,- -

Secondly I will and bequeath to my son Thomas my rifle gun.

Thirdly I will and bequeath to my son William the smallest chest.

Fourthly I will and bequeath to my daughter Catharine one side saddle to be repaired.

All the rest & residue of my estate real and personal I allow to be in the possession of my beloved wife for to support, raise, & school my children.

When my oldest son Thomas comes of age, or in case my wife should marry before that period, that then I allow all the estate that then remains to be appraised and sold by my executors & the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my beloved wife and children, to wit, Thomas, William, Catharine, Matthew Ramsay, & John- - -

I also constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth & my Brother Hugh Cain as executors to execute this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of May one thousand eight hundred & five, and American independence the thirtieth - - -

Signed sealed- - -
in presence of us

John Cain
her
Margaret X Gibson
mark
Joseph Kerr

Probated May 7, 1805 Case No. 56, File No. 162, Will Book "A" P-203

PERTINENT NOTES ON THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF MATTHEW GIBSON
(Will made May 4, 1805)

1806 The first report of the executors has the following statement: "Hugh Cain & Elizabeth Campbell late Elizabeth Gibson settlement on the estate of Matthew Gibson for the year 1806". This seems to indicate that Matthew Gibson died soon after the making of his will and that his wife had remarried before the end of the year 1806.

1814 "I Jno. Campbell of White County State of Tennessee by virtue of a power of attorney of Billy Gibson legatee of Matthew Gibson, late of York District, dec'd, have received of Hugh Cain one of the executors of the last will of the said Matthew Gibson one hundred twenty-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents being in full of the whole share to which he is entitled of the estate of his father &

"I the said Jno. Campbell being by the court of pleas & quarterly sessions of White County aforesaid appointed guardian of Matthew Ramsay Gibson & Jno. Gibson--two minor children of the said Matthew Gibson dec'd have also of the said Hugh Cain received two hundred fifty-seven dollars and fifty-six cents being in full of the shares to which Matthew R. & Jno. Gibson are entitled of the estate of the said Matthew Gibson, dec'd.

Sept. 9th, 1814 (Signed) "Jno. Campbell"

"I. A. Whyte"

From other sources it is known that George A. Campbell, the step-father of the above legatees of Matthew Gibson, was away with Jackson's army and took part in the battle of New Orleans late in 1814 and 1815, but whether or not this had anything to do with the appointment of one Jno. Campbell as guardians of these boys is one of those things about which we can only guess.

August
1824 "Know all men by these presents that we George Campbell & Elizabeth Campbell, formerly Elizabeth Gibson, have made and appointed & by these presents do constitute & appoint our friend Matthew R. Gibson our true and lawful attorney for us & in our name & stead to ask demand sue for recover & receive all such sum or sums of money that may be owing payable and belonging to us or detained from us in the hands of Hugh Cain of the District of York South Carolina----giving to our said attorney by these presents our full & whole process & authority in and about the premises to use all lawful means in our names & to do any other acts necessary in & about the premises in as full and ample a manner----(several words illegible)----we are personally present. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this 13th day of August, 1824.

(Signed) Geo. A. Campbell (Seal)
(Signed) Elizabeth Campbell (Seal)"

"State of Tennessee
Wilson County."

This seems to be the beginning of a suit to recover whatever remains of the estate of Matthew Gibson.

(See next page for further details)

PERTINENT NOTES ON THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF MATTHEW GIBSON (Cont'd)
(Will made in 1805)

November 1824 "Matthew R. Gibson, Attorney of George Campbell & Elizabeth Campbell, formerly Elizabeth Gibson of East Tennessee.

VS

Hugh Cain one of the exec's of the last will and testament of Matthew Gibson dec'd, by citation

In the Court of Ordinary Nov. 1, 1824

I Benjn Chambers Ordinary of the District of York do decree that Hugh Cain one of the excts of Matthew Gibson is justly indebted as appears from settlements in this office which is the only evidence adduced the amount of thirty-two dollars and eighty-three cents bearing interest from Feb. 2, 1807 which I adjudge him to pay to Matthew R. Gibson Atto of Geo. Campbell & Elizabeth Campbell formerly Elizabeth Gibson & the costs thereon accrued.

Bejn Chambers, Ory."

November 1824 "Received of Hugh Cain, one of the Executors of Matthew Gibson's, dec'd, last will and testament, his note for fifty-six dollars in full of all demands against him as Exct aforesaid & agreeable to said dec'd last will and testament by my lawful Atto act and deed which I warrant and defend from myself, my heirs, exects & admns & any other person lawfully claiming said amount from the aforesaid exect.

Witness my hand and seal Nov. 1, 1824

"Attest Matthew R. Gibson

Benjn Shamley" "Atto Geo. Campbell & Elizabeth his wife"

1826 "Received of Hugh Cain Executor of the estate of Matthew Gibson, deceased, one hundred twenty-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents in full of my share as a legatee of said estate. Sept. 30, 1826

Thomas Gibson"

1826 "Received of Hugh Cain Executor of the estate of Matthew Gibson, deceased, one hundred twenty-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents in full of my share as a legatee of said estate. Sept. 30, 1826.

William Gibson."

This receipt is a little hard to understand as it covers the same amount for which his attorney Jno. Campbell gave receipt in 1814, twelve years before, which also specified, "being in full of the whole share to which he is entitled of the estate of his father."

PERTAINING TO THE ESTATE OF HUGH CAIN, DIED 1839

We the heirs at law of Hugh Cain late of York District, deceased, do hereby acknowledge this day to have received of James Caldwell and Jno. A. Cain, the administrators of said deceased estate, by compromise on a settlement of said estate full satisfaction of said administrators, we finding that Mrs. Martha Cain is indebted to said administrators & has not the means to pay said debt & in addition to this our receipt in full satisfaction to administrators we have this day quit claim & have conveyed to said Martha Cain the whole claim and interest to the tract of land now owned or owned in the lifetime of said deceased as our deed will more fully show all of which we have done to enable her to extricate said estate from the debts yet owing by said administrators. In testimony whereof we have set our hands and seals this 31st day of October 1842.

John A. Cain
James Caldwell
Robert A. Cain
Katherine D. Gibson
Wm. F. Cain
Jas. M. M. Cain

South Carolina)
York District)

Whereas the estate of Hugh Cain deceased is unable to pay the debts of said estate without the sale of the real estate of said dec'd as there is a considerable debt due James & Robert Caldwell unpaid & whereas the heirs atlaw of said estate have relinquished to Mrs. Martha Cain, the widow of said dec'd all their rights teller (?) & interest to her both the personal and real estate we do hereby jointly & severally acknowledge that we are willing to acknowledge a full and final acquittal of all and every claim we have against James Caldwell and Jno. Cain, administrators of said estate & their securities in the aforestated case wherein James Caldwell & Jno. Cain is bound to the ordinary of the district for their faithful performance as administrators of Hugh Cain, deceased.

(Signed) Katherine D. Gibson
Wm. F. Cain
James M. M. Cain

/ No date /

Sale Bill, Nov. 22 & Dec. 1839 (Hugh Cain Estate)

Martha Cain,	Bedstead & Furniture	$15.00	J. F. Ferguson	Bureau	$7.25
" "	" "	15.00	Hugh Allison	Lot of iron	.25
" "	" "	11.00	" "	Old mill & iron	.45
" "	Trunk	1.00	G. Caldwell,	Drawer knife & 2 chisels	.45
" "	Cupboard furniture	8.00			
" "	Looking Glass	.50	" "	Ax	.25
" "	Clock & case	5.00	Hugh Love	Blacksmith tools	25.00

PERTAINING TO THE ESTATE OF MARTHA CAIN, DECEASED 1860

York District)
South Carolina) List of things appraised of Martha Cain, Deceased, Dec. 28,1860

2 Bedsteads & cards	$3.00	1 Clock & glass	$2.00
Pine Table	1.00	1 Bible	.25
7 Chairs	3.00	1 Bureau	1.00
Wheel and cards	2.00	1 Lot of utensils	1.00
1 Bed and bedding	15.00	3 Pots and kettle	6.00
Bedstead and bedding	12.00	1 Loom	2.00
1 Lot of bed clothing	4.00	Girl Rachel	600.00
Falling leaf table	5.00	Boy Cicero	1200.00
		Boy Columbus	800.00

We certify the above to be a true appraisement of the property of Martha Cain as shown by James M. M. Cain, Administrator.

Given under our hands, Dec. 28th, 1860.

Robert L. Brown
G. F. Ferguson
Hugh Love
G. Caldwell.

Martha Cain, Inventory, dec'd. J. M. M. Cain, Adm. Filed Jan. 7, 1861.
Jno. B. Dickson, Ord. 80/3906

South Carolina) Whereas I stand indebted to W. C. Brown in the sum of four
York District) hundred & thirty seven dollars due in sealed note dated 7 Jan. 1856 with annual interest, credited 7 Jan. 1856 with twenty dollars. And whereas I desire to secure the payment of same--And whereas as one of the heirs and distributees of Martha Cain, who has lately died intestate, I am entitled to one fifth part of the personal estate of which she died possessed--Now in consideration of premises I hereby assign and convey all my right, title & claim in & to the estate of said Martha Cain, dec'd, to said W. C. Brown & hereby authorize and direct James Cain the administrator of said estate, to pay my said share to said W. C. Brown. And on receipt of said share said W. C. Brown will apply first so much as may be necessary to the payment of said note due him & then pay over the balance if any to me or /??_/ my order /???_/ Witness my hand and seal December 28th 1860

(Signed) Wm. F. Cain (Seal)

Test V. G. Brown
(On back of sheet) Received payment in full of the within, Wm. C. Brown.

South Carolina)
York District) Whereas Robert A. Cain is indebted to James Caldwell in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars due on sealed note dated Nov. 26, 1842 with two payments amounting to forty-four dollars & twenty-[illegible] cents made on same day and said note bearing interest from date. And whereas I desire to secure the payment of the same and whereas as one of the heirs and distributees of Martha Cain who has lately deceased intestate I am entitled to one fifth of the personal estate of which she died possessed Now in consideration of the premises I hereby assign to my attorney all rights, title & claim in & to the estate of the said Martha Cain, dec'd to said James Caldwell and hereby authorize and direct J. M. M. Cain, admr of said estate to pay my said share to said James Caldwell and on receipt of said share said James Caldwell will apply first so much as may be necessary to the payment of said note due him & then pay over the balance if any to me or my order.

Test V. G. Brown Witness my hand and seal, Dec. 28th, 1860, Wm. F. Cain(Seal)
Attr of R. A. Cain (On back of sheet) 739.96 paid
(On another place, back of sheet) Received in full by me, James Caldwell

ROBERT ALLISON, REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

The record of Robert Allison as a soldier in the Revolution is taken from the book, Accounts Audited of Revolutionary Claims against South Carolina, Vol.II,pp.12-13 (107),and is reproduced below with the spelling and notations exactly as given in this book:

State of South Carolina is in Dt.to Robert Allison for servecies Done under William Gibens Waggon Master in General sumters Bragade

to a Waggon and teem 124 days at 4 L day	£496,-,-
to Serveis Done as hors Man under Capt.Mapp 25 days at 20s Pr.day	25..0-0
under Capt.Venebeas 14 days at 20s pr day	14 -0-0
to a waggon and teem in the serves haling Bullets to Charls town 20 days at 4 pr d	80-
to 20 Bushels of Corn at 1--2.6 pr	22.10
total	£637.10

I do sertify that the Acount of 20 days Waggining is Just and the 20 Bushels of Corn is just and Likwis The Haling Ball as above Sertified

Wm.Hill Coll- Wm.Hill Col.

N.B.the charges for Militia Duty are included in Pay Bills which are attested ---2

	Cy
brought over	£ 637.10
Sterling	£ 91.1.5

2. An Auditor's notation

new acquisition) I Do hearby authorize and Impower the Bearer Col:John
So.Carolina) Moffett to Receive an Indented Surtificat to the amount
of my publick accounts and settle with the Treasury for the same -
Given under my hand 12th of supr:1783 Robert Allison
To the Commissioners of the publick Treasurys
Test.pr.me Jno.Moffett J P
Received 27th August 1784 - full Satisfaction for the Within in an
Indent.No-105.Book I by an Order. Jno:Moffett.

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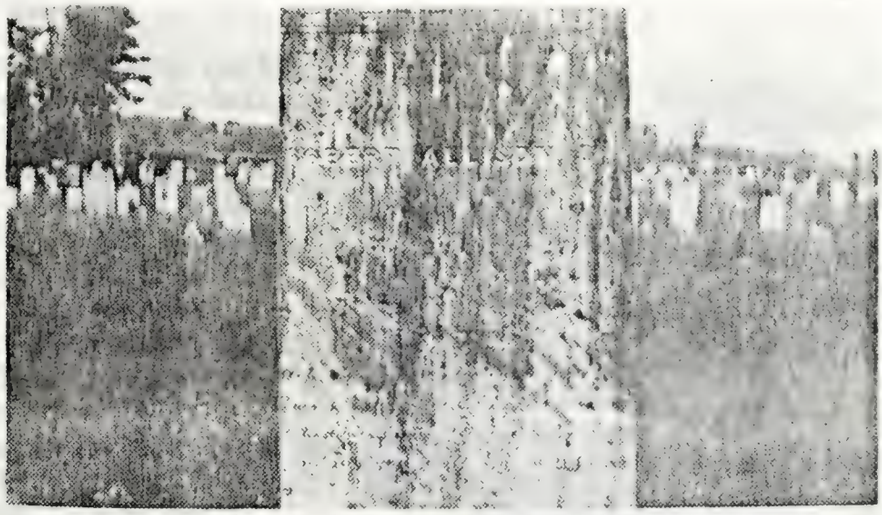

THE GRAVE OF ROBERT ALLISON,ESQ., BEERSHEBA CEMETERY,YORK,S.C.

This picture, looking north-west, shows the chimneys of the old Cain home, some six miles west of York, S.C. The house which faced east was dismantled in 1946 for its excellent lumber. Just down the hill from it was a rock curbed mineral spring, known as "The Cain Springs". On the next hill south was once a school called, "The Cain Springs School". It will be noted that one chimney is made of rock while the other is of brick. Not far from this house stands the church to which the Cains belonged and its cemetery where they are buried.

CHIMNEYS OF THE OLD CAIN HOME

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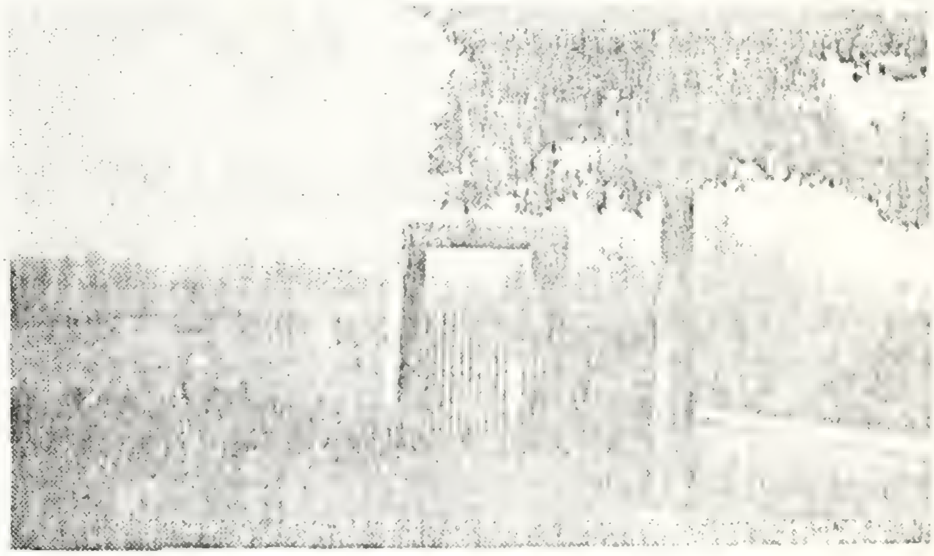
This gate is the entrance to the Beersheba Presbyterian Church cemetery in which the Cains and Allisons are buried. This church, founded in 1769, has an annual homecoming. The present church building is the fourth to stand on one side or the other of this seven-acre cemetery, which may ante-date the church. The missing bar on the gate is said to have shod a soldier's horse. The fence which encloses the cemetery is made of rocks, as can be seen by the gate.



GATE TO BEERSHEBA CEMETERY, NEAR YORK, S.C.

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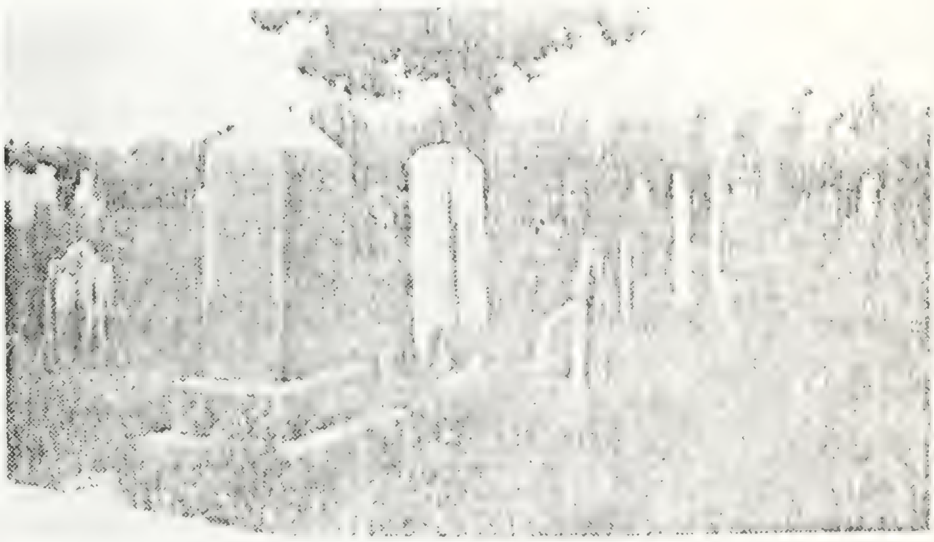
This row of graves, looking north, shows three generations of Cains. The first and largest stone is that of James M.M.Cain, who lived on the old Cain homestead till his death in 1898; next is that of his father, Hugh Cain, and the broken stone is that of his mother, Martha Allison Cain; then two of his small children; then his daughter Mary Frances, who died in her early twenties; the last is that of his wife, Elizabeth M.Cain, a sister of Naomi L.Cain, both daughters of Thomas Gibson.



THE CAIN ROW IN BEERSHEBA CEMETERY

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